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Colonel (Retired) Reginald E. Allen is a member of the United States Government Senior Executive Service (SES), serving as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, US Environmental Protection Agency HQ in Washington, DC.

Prior to his SES selection in 2015, he served 30 years as an active duty combat arms officer in the United States Army. His last assignment was as the Special Assistant to the Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat Organization, where he led a large interagency task force (17 agencies) to reduce the effects of improvised explosives and precursors supporting Defense Department actions to defeat the IED as a weapon of strategic influence.

COL (R) Allen was born in New York City, and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Cavalry in 1985. He served in numerous command, staff and leadership assignments around the world.

His military career highlights include command of a United States Cavalry regiment. In 2009, he assumed command of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, the Brave Rifles. He deployed the Regiment in 2010, on its fourth combat deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn in Iraq. The 8000-person Regimental Combat Team conducted a year of combat and training operations helping to set the conditions for an honorable US forces exit from Iraq at the end of 2011.

COL (R) Allen's other major command was during the beginning of Operation Iraq Freedom in 2003. In June 2003, he assumed command of 1st Squadron, 10th United States Cavalry, the Buffalo Soldiers, on the Iran-Iraq Border. The Buffalo Soldiers, the 4th Infantry Division's Cavalry Squadron, conducted a year of combat operations in Iraq. Task Force Saber consisted of three Battalion size units and over 2100 soldiers at the height of operations, the largest Battalion level combat formation in Iraq. COL (R) Allen led the Armored combat force in the operation that captured Saddam Hussein, secured the Iran-Iraq border, eastern Tikrit, and later Balad Joint Air Base, then the largest concentration of US Soldiers in Iraq. COL (R) Allen changed command in the summer 2005 and was assigned to Army Staff in the Pentagon where he served as a future operations planner and later as the Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

In 2012, COL (R) Allen became the Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary/Chief Management Officer of the United States Army. In that role, he served as a principle military advisor providing advice and recommendations on all matters spanning the depth and breadth of Department of Army/Department of Defense activities.

COL (R) Allen holds a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College, a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Louisville and a Bachelor's of Science in Business from North Carolina A&T University. COL (R) Allen is a graduate of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense Higher Command Course in London.

COL (R) Allen was awarded The Legion of Merit four times; the Bronze Star three times; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal twice; and the Army Meritorious Service Medal seven times.